



## **FULTON COUNTY - OTB STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

### **Spring 2015**

The Fulton County Board of Supervisors and the Capital District Off Track Betting Corporation are cooperating to sponsor a Student Scholarship Award for College-bound seniors from High Schools within Fulton County. The program will provide the following cash awards to be utilized toward college expenses during a winning student's first two years of post-secondary education.

**1<sup>st</sup> PLACE: \$500.00   2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE: \$300.00   3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE: \$200.00**

### **AWARD CRITERIA**

- 1) Scholarship applications will be distributed through the Guidance Offices of school districts contained wholly or partly within the boundaries of Fulton County. Applications may also be obtained from the Office of the Board of Supervisors or online at [www.fultoncountyny.gov](http://www.fultoncountyny.gov). Students must be residents of Fulton County to participate. Immediate family members of any current members of the Board of Supervisors or its office staff are not eligible.
- 2) Awards will be granted based upon a responding student's written essay that has the following components:

**Part I: Legislative Structure of County Government** - This part of the essay should fully describe the Legislative branch of Fulton County government, including key appointed and elected positions within it.

**Part II: Compare and Contrast** – This part of the essay should explain at least one way that the Fulton County Legislative Branch is similar to the State or federal legislative branches and at least one way that it is different.

**Part III: Importance of County Government** - This part of the essay should describe three (3) county departments and explain how the services each provides are important to citizens.

**\* NOTE: Lists of county departments and suggested references are attached.**

- 3) Essays must be type-written, single-spaced and be between 1500 and 2000 words in length. Essays will be judged based upon the following criteria: Content, Subject Accuracy, Written Presentation and Originality. Scholarship awards will be presented at a regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting following notification to winners.
- 4) All applications must be submitted on the accompanying application form, which must be certified by the student's high school Guidance Office prior to submission. Scholarship winners must complete one (1) semester at an accredited two (2) year or four (4) year college program immediately following high school graduation. The actual monetary award will be made upon submission of college transcript certifying successful completion of first semester. (Successful completion shall be defined as achieving a passing grade in a majority of the courses enrolled in at the start of the semester).

**\* Applications must be received or postmarked by May 15, 2015.**

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## **FULTON COUNTY DEPARTMENTS:**

Board of Elections	Fire Coordinator	Purchasing Department
Budget Office	Highways and Facilities	Real Property Tax Services
Civil Defense Office	Information Svcs. Dept.	Agency
Community Services	Office for the Aging/Youth	Sheriff's Department
County Attorney	Personnel Department	Social Services Dept.
County Clerk	Planning Department	Solid Waste Department
County Historian	Probation Department	Veterans Service Agency
County Treasurer	Public Defender	Weights & Measures Dept.
District Attorney	Public Health Department	

## **POTENTIAL ESSAY REFERENCE DOCUMENTS:**

### **“Fulton County Directory”**

- available upon request from the Board of Supervisors Office,  
County Office Building, Room 203, 223 West Main Street,  
Johnstown, New York 12095 (518-736-5540)  
or online at [www.fultoncountyny.gov](http://www.fultoncountyny.gov)

**Journal of Proceedings – Board of Supervisors of Fulton County** (through 2013) - available at the FMCC Library, Gloversville City Library and Johnstown City Library.

**Local Newspapers** - particularly the Gloversville-Johnstown Leader Herald.

**Local Government Handbook**, NYS Department of State -

- Available at [www.dos.state.ny.us/lgss/handbookpage.htm](http://www.dos.state.ny.us/lgss/handbookpage.htm).

**Fulton County Adopted Budget** - available at [www.fultoncountyny.gov](http://www.fultoncountyny.gov).

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## APPLICATION FORM – Spring 2015

### Student Applicant Information

Name (first, m.i., last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

### College Program Information

College or University Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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Enrolled?

Applied?

\_\_\_\_\_

Enrolled?

Applied?

\_\_\_\_\_

Enrolled?

Applied?

If enrolled, college address and phone number:

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### Guidance Office Certification

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Guidance Counselor Name/Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above information is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Guidance Office signature

Mail complete application and essay to:

Fulton County Board of Supervisors  
Attn: Jon R. Stead, Administrative Officer  
223 West Main Street  
Johnstown, NY 12095

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